

# CAMPS AFFLERBAUGH, PAIGE AND ROCKEY: INSPECTIONS REPORT

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**Probation Oversight Commission**

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# CAMPS AFFLERBAUGH AND PAIGE - METHODS

- Inspections conducted in August 2022
- Three POC Commissioners conducted inspections
- Three POC staff provided support (including Executive Director)
- “Snapshot” captured for the day of inspection
- Reports provided through Commissioner observations and interviews with youth and staff

# CAMP PAIGE - SNAPSHOT

Youth Population	Number of Youth at Court	Facility's Rated Capacity	Total Staff (Payroll)	Total Peace Officers	Staff to youth Ratio (Day)	Staff to youth Ratio (Night)	Attempted Suicides	Escapes and Documented Attempts
20	0	120	65	56	2:1	2:1	0	0

# COMMISSIONER NOTES - PAIGE

- The morning of the inspection, the POC was alerted that the camp may be entering “quarantine” status due to a positive test by a probation staff (who worked the night prior)
- Appliance issues: Dishwasher, Washing Machine and Oven
- Ample interviews with youth and staff

# COMMISSIONER NOTES: INTERVIEW THEMES

- Prominent drug usage – staff reporting witnessing youth seeming to be under the influence, in classroom and dorm
- Varied learning needs (proposed solution: headphones)
- TV / Movie selection – limited
- Youth reported excessive unreasonable and ‘frivolous write-ups’
- Youth reported varied treatment and interactions among staff but noted his PO was a very good PO, who listened, was fair and made an effort to establish a relationship with him (‘not just order me around’)
- Staff uniformly lack sufficient training and oversight regarding the necessity of forming positive relationships with the youth

# CAMP AFFLERBAUGH - SNAPSHOT

Youth Population	Number of Youth at Court*	Facility's Rated Capacity	Total Staff (Payroll)	Total Peace Officers	Staff to youth Ratio (Day)	Staff to youth Ratio (Night)	Attempted Suicides	Escapes and Documented Attempts
22	1	120	67	49	2:1	2:1	0	1

# COMMISSIONER NOTES: INTERVIEW THEMES

- Ample classroom observations
- Ample youth, staff and interviews with administrators and partner agency staff
- Youth generally positive about their camp experience – chief complaints = food and inconsistent discipline
- Increased drugs and weapons being smuggled in
- Staff: few options for negative consequences for misbehavior
- A consistent group of staff is needed
- Lots of issues with heavy gang involvement
- Challenges with SEO coming in to manage crises (ineffective ways of handling problems typically escalates violence)
- Need programming for older youth, in particular things like fire programs or trade programs

# PARTNER AGENCIES – SERVING BOTH CAMPS

Juvenile Court Health Services (JCHS)	Department of Mental Health (DMH)
Services Offered: 7 days / week	Services Offered: 7 days / week
Coverage : 6:30am- 10:00pm (RNs work 8 hour shifts) <b>24 hr access to on call physician</b>	Coverage: 8:00am – 8:00pm (Staff shifts: 10 hr days, Sun-Wed or Wed-Sat) <b>plus 24-hour access to on-call DMH psychiatrist</b>



# INSPECTION QUESTIONS

Afflerbaugh and Paige

1. Has the Department considered adding signage on the trails/open areas around the facilities to possibly deter potential contraband or unauthorized visitors?
2. Is Probation offering or facilitating supplemental training or classes for rapport and relationship-building between line staff and youth?
3. Have the major appliance issues been resolved?
4. Has vocational or trade programming increased at either camp?
5. Will specialized tactical training (related to adolescent development) be provided (or is it already being offered) to SEO's?

# CAMP ROCKEY - METHODS

- Inspections conducted in October 2022
- Two POC Commissioners conducted inspections
- Three POC staff provided support (including Executive Director)
- “Snapshot” captured for the day of inspection
- Reports provided through Commissioner observations and interviews with youth and staff

# CAMP ROCKEY - SNAPSHOT

Youth Population	Number of Youth at Court	Facility's Rated Capacity	Total Staff (Payroll)	Total Peace Officers	Staff to youth Ratio (Day)	Staff to youth Ratio (Night)	Attempted Suicides	Escapes and Documented Attempts
25	1	125	87	72	2:3	2:3	0	0

# COMMISSIONER NOTES

- Upon arriving to camp, there is a checkpoint by a uniformed DPO- reportedly, during business hours a gate guard was posted due to an influx of contraband into the camp – this has posed a problem in the past. Commissioners concerned that there are no signs present to advise this is a custodial facility and previous reports indicated concerns with drone activity in the area



# COMMISSIONER NOTES AND INTERVIEW THEMES

- Facility clean and maintained – nice painted murals at different locations and list the students who helped create them
- Kitchen and dining areas: overhead air-cooling system leaking water onto the ground from the roof
- Several youth and staff acknowledged exceptional service by DPO assigned to Rockey (described as a role model; regularly encourages youth and engages them in several sporting activities)
- Credentialed culinary instructor and course
- HOPE Center – currently undergoing renovation on one side but was occupied by five youth (two from Afflerbaugh, two from Paige and one from Rockey)

# COMMISSIONER NOTES AND INTERVIEW THEMES

- Remote learning or textbook classwork occurring in the HOPE center – youth used chairs for table to watch their laptops (no desks)
- Prolonged periods of “cool-down” at HOPE center – some youth regard it as occasionally being used as “punishment”
- Old graffiti noticed on windows throughout the facility, yet recent graffiti noted on mattresses (especially in HOPE center)
- Students unengaged in classrooms; youth report ‘computers are the best teachers at Rockey’
- Reported high-gang tensions in the recent past at Rockey– youth currently reporting overall good culture and ‘going pretty good right now’

# INSPECTION QUESTIONS

- Is there a work order in place to address the leaking air-cooler in the kitchen (which has a layer of moss or mold along the outer edge of the roof)?
- Does the Department have a plan to incorporate credible messengers into the camp framework?
- How is the HOPE Center being utilized by neighboring camps (Afflerbaugh, Paige)? And do youth typically spend prolonged periods of time as indicated by their home camps?
- Is there an identified graffiti-prevention or graffiti removal program?

THANK YOU!

Questions?